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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97 (b), Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed on the accompany form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed.

The relevance of these references is that they are English language Abstracts of non-English references previously submitted.

This is a re-submission of the IDS that was filed 12-17-99. The Examiner refused to consider that IDS because the dates of the Abstracts were not indicated on the 1449 form.

However, these were English language Abstracts of references that had previously been submitted, and whose dates were indicated on the previous IDS. It is the date of the reference that is important, not the date of the translation of the Abstracts, and the Examiner should not have refused to consider them.

Reconsideration of the IDS submitted on 12-17-99 is respectfully requested.

In the event that the Examiner maintain her refusal to consider the 12-17-99 IDS, Applicants now re-submit the same Abstracts, with the date of the references indicated.

Applicants do not below a fee should be charged for this IDS, since it is a duplicate of that which was already submitted. However, if it is determined that a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for consideration of this information disclosure statement, which is set forth in § 1.17(p), to Deposit Account 14-1263.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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